Schemes for SSIs

1794. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the important promotional schemes undertaken by Government to encourage small scale industries in the country;

(b) whether Government would continue the schemes announced by the previous Government or else new schemes with a fresh concept would be introduced to address the problems faced by SSIs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to modify the RBI guidelines by making One Time Settlement (OTS) between loss making industries and the Banks?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The primary responsibility for the promotion of small scale industries (SSIs) vests in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also implements a number of promotional schemes/programmes to supplement their efforts. These include Credit Guarantte Fund Scheme, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation, Scheme for re-imbursement of the cost of obtaining ISO-9000/14001 Certification, Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Marketing Development Assistance Scheme, etc.

(b) Many of the Schemes/Programmes enumerated in reply to part (a) of the question have been continuing for a long time and include those announced by the previous Government.

(c) Following the Policy Package for stepping up credit to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) tabled by the Government in the Parliament in August 2005, the RBI has issued guidelines on 3 September 2005 for One-Time Settlement of loans by SMEs.

Manned Space Mission by ISRO

1795. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ISRO studying needs for a manned space mission and providing him the habitation and environment to stay there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISRO plans to put a human presence in space by 2012/2015; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, ISRO is conducting preliminary studies to understand the technology challenges involved in undertaking manned mission to space. These studies include design of suitable space capsule to carry astronauts, life support systems, thermal management, issues related with re-entry and training facilities for the astronauts. However, at present there is no proposal seeking approval to send humans to space.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Lunar mission

1796. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a lunar mission; and

(b) if so, by when a space ship is likely to visit moon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. India has planned an unmanned scientific mission to moon called Chandrayann-1.

(b) Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft is scheduled for launch by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle during 2007-08.

Achievement in targets

†1797. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first five months of current financial year, country is lagging behind with regard to coal, steel and construction of roads, and handling of good in major ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.